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SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA

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1. Embassy Warsaw has received a letter of congratulations to President-elect Obama from Janusz Sniadek, President of the Polish Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union "Solidarnosc".

2. Begin text:

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Polish Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union "Solidarnosc," I would like to convey our sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the election for President of the United States of America.

We share the faith of millions of Americans as well as our friends from AFL-CIO that as President you will act as an advocate of peace, freedom and democracy - the values that also we defended twenty years ago in our union's fight against communism; in a fight for independent and democratic Poland where human rights are abided by.

You have said in your inaugural speech that "America is a friend of every nation and every man." These words make us believe that policy adopted by you will be a policy of dialog and peace.

We are fully aware of challenges that America as well as the rest of the world are facing today. Therefore, we wish you success in overcoming all these obstacles together with the entire American nation and in dialog with AFL-CIO.

Mr. President, you are bringing home a better world. We wish you every success in carrying out your mission and the best of luck in realization of expectations and hopes pinned upon you.

Yours faithfully,

Janusz Sniadek
President

3. The original letter will be sent by pouch per reftel instructions.

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